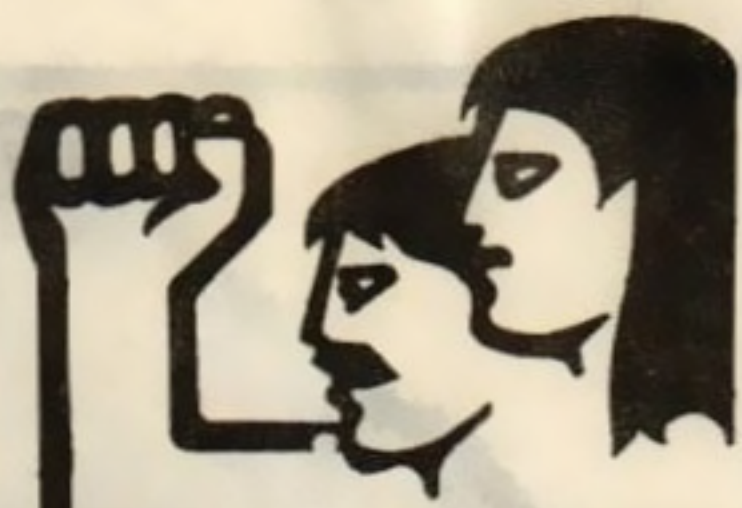


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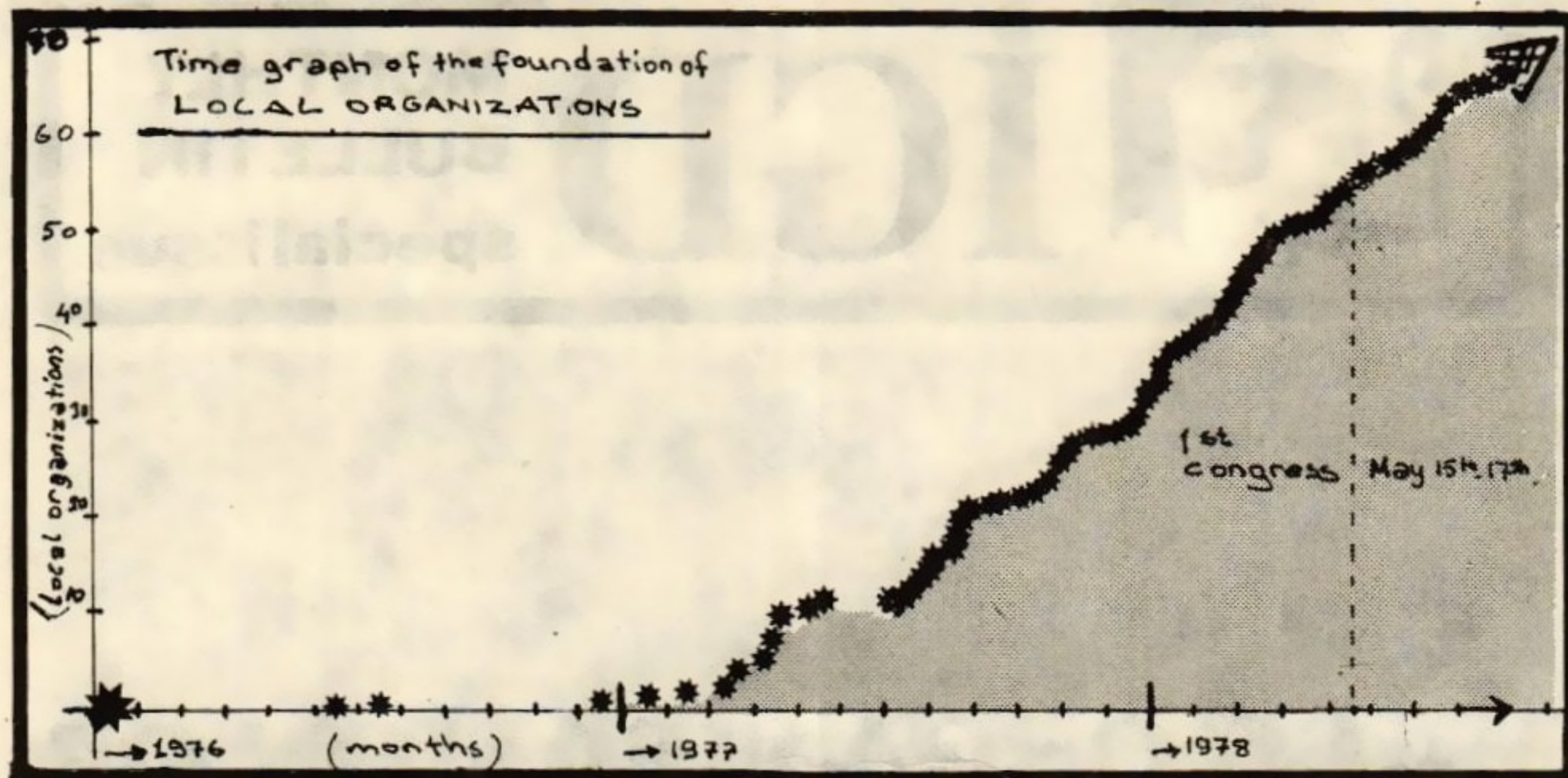


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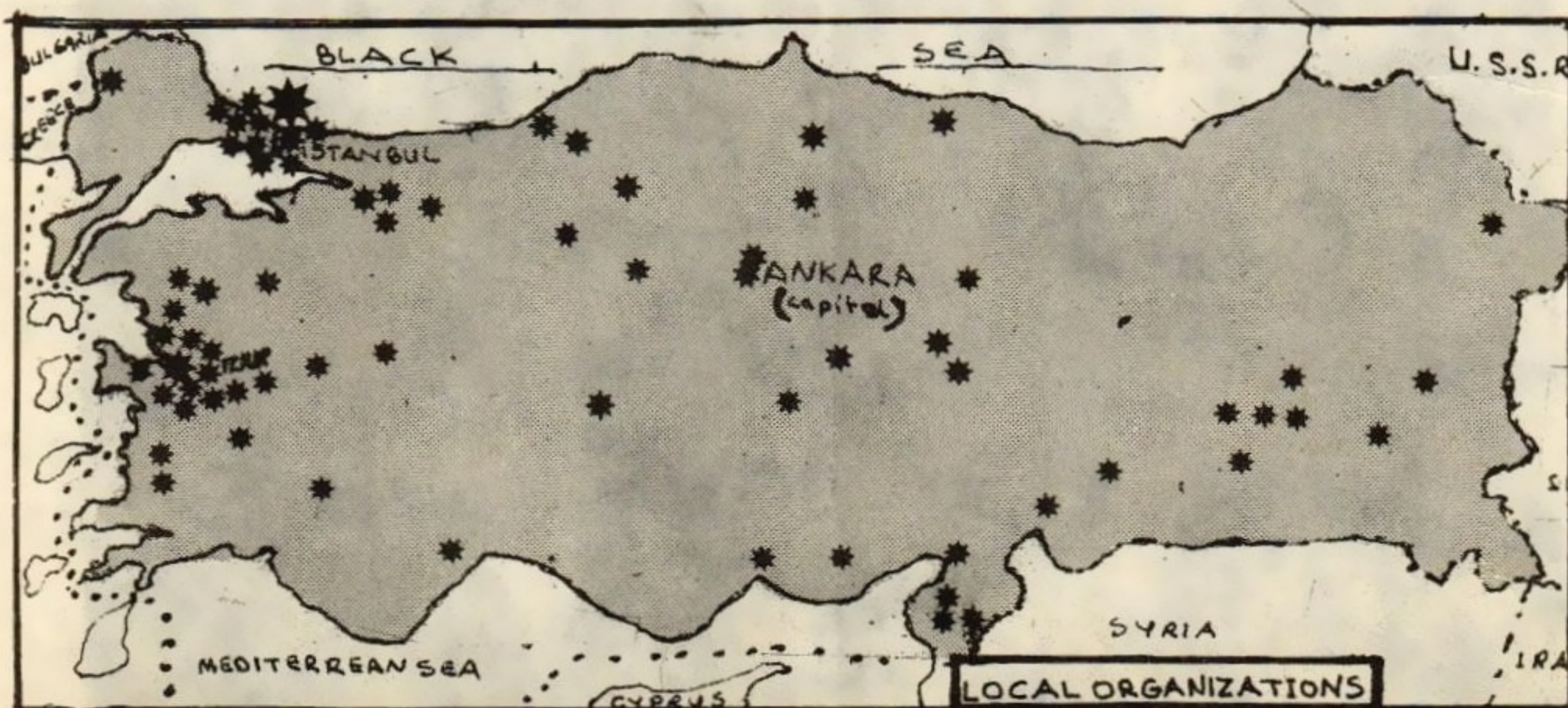
İGD - MASS ORGANISATION OF PROGRESSIVE YOUTH IN TURKEY





In the first days of the year 1976, anti-imperialist youth movement in Turkey embarked upon a new stage: İGD (Progressive Youth Organisation) was founded. Progressive youth movement of Turkey made a rarely seen organisational progress with İGD, guiding the anti-imperialist potentials of youth masses by scientific principles. Those principles were mainly; unity of youth and working class movement; loyalty to anti-im-

perialist and revolutionary traditions of the youth movement of Turkey; anti-fascist anti-imperialist unity of the youth; fighting for social and economic rights of the youth masses; fighting, for the establishment of a united front and for united actions of all progressive forces against imperialism, fascism, monopolism, chauvinism and reaction.. By implementing these guiding principles consistently, İGD



reached a glorious success in 2 years, being the most massive youth organisation of Turkey with more than 30.000 members in about 60 local organisations spread out over the country.

On this road, lays the blood of hundreds of İGD members, and about 30 militants murdered by neo-fascist forces. Especially under the rule of reactionary-fascist coalition between March 1975 and December 1977, İGD had to overcome uncountable attacks and oppressions of the reactionary forces, neo-fascists, maoists

and extreme "leftist" groups. In the funerals of anti-fascist martyres, in the struggle against fascist occupations in the universities and districts, fighting for democratic rights of the people and youth (to work, education, health and leisure), broad youth masses gathered under the banner of İGD.

İGD unites mainly the youth of working class and peasantry, and students with the percentage of 40,7;2 and 47,3. Also young teachers consist 2 % and others 8 % of the membership. İGD also unites the youth of different nations and minorities. Fighting for their different national, democratic and social demands, İGD organizes broad masses and joins all the sections of younger generation in the common course.



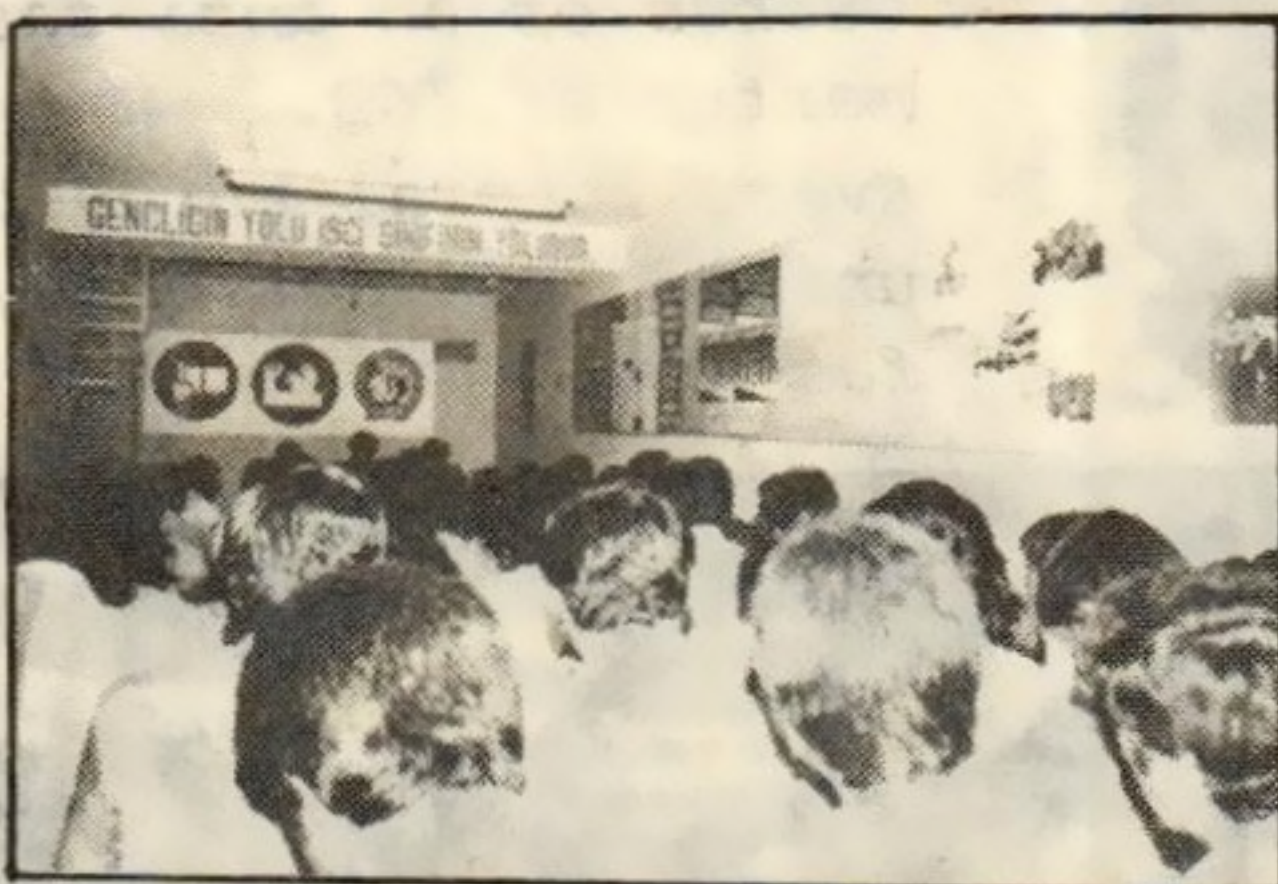
1- Guards of an anti-fascist martyr of İGD.

2- Every funeral turns to a united mass action against fascism.



İGD and INTERNAT

İGD, from its first day, raised the banner of anti-imperialist solidarity of world youth and students, started a hard work to widespread the prin-



1-2: İGD supported firmly the anti-fascist struggle in Chile and protested the torture ship of Pinochet - "La Esmeralda" all over the country.

3- İGD educates its members with the spirit of international solidarity and friendship.

ciples of international solidarity and the experiences of international youth movement into practice among the youth masses of Turkey.

İGD put an end to this by mobilizing the young people to abolish the obstacles of reaction and unite with the world youth for a lasting peace and progress.

Progressive youth and students of Turkey felt the same sorrows and the same aspirations with the peoples and youth of Chile, South Africa, Iran, Palestine, and the same victorious enthusiasm with the peoples and youth of Vietnam, Angola, Ethiopia and Afghanistan. International relations of İGD and progressive youth of Turkey grew on the soil of concrete solidarity actions.

Youth of Turkey accepted the international solidarity with Chile, as an internal part of the anti-fascist struggle in our country. İGD organized various solidarity actions, demonstrations, mass rallies etc., and succeeded to force "La Esmeralda" go back without anchoring.

In the preceding years, ruling classes had done everything to prevent Turkish youth from having international relations.

IONAL SOLIDARITY

After all, it was no more surprising to organise a country-wide action and a campaign against the NEUTRON BOMB under the attempts to a fascist dictatorship in Turkey. The people and youth masses were aware of the threat to world peace and friendship, and were conscious about the unity of anti-imperialist and anti-fascist struggle already.

Organization of the campaign against NEUTRON BOMB which was initiated by WFDY and IUS in February was a big step forward to intensify the mass actions for interanital solidarity in our contry.

IGD took its place again when "10'th Assembly of Member Organizations of WFDY" was held in Berlin, GDR, February 22nd-March 1st, 1978. Among the other international meetings and forums in which IGD participated, this has a significant importance, because just two years after its foundation and even before its 1st Congress, the affiliation of IGD to the membership of WFDY adopted in that Assembly. This event started a new stage in the progressive youth movement of Turkey — being an internal part of the world democratic youth and students movement.



IGD FOLLOWS THE

IGD was founded under the direct effects of sharpening class struggle and the glorious progress of the political movement of working class in Turkey. One of the guiding principles of IGD, the slogan "Our road is the road of the working class" is based upon the scientific analysis of social development. Also the growing struggle of working class and the examples of socialist countries show to the younger generation that their aspirations will come

to reality only with the liberation of the working class.

Within concrete experiences in the struggle, broad youth masses of Turkey gathered under the banner of IGD to unite with the working class movement. Youth began to play an active role in the social struggle, overcoming the "leftist" errors and the attempts to separate the younger generation from the struggle of the working class.

Progressive Youth joined all the general democratic struggles in the country under the leadership of the working class as in the first legal celebration of May Day after 31 years, in 1976. During the political strike of DISK (Progressive Confederation of Trade Unions) against the anti-democratic draft law to constitute DGM (State Security Courts), IGD was with the workers, in September 1976. In the May Day demonstration of 1977, 34 progressives were murdered with a provocation organised by CIA, local reaction and maoists.

Against, during the long strike (lasted 8 months from May 1977 to January 1978) of Metallurgy Workers' Trade



WORKING CLASS

Union (MADEN-İŞ), İGD consistently gave its full support in all possible forms (by moral and material means) to this anti-monopolist movement, and the members of İGD spent the New Year's Day in the tents of heroic strikers. Along these solidarity actions the young learned much from the working class, especially the experience and discipline. İGD insistently fights for the implementation of the tasks, working class brought in front of the struggle. The main one of them is the establishment of the National Democratic Front of all anti-imperialist, anti-monopolist, anti-fascist, anti-chauvinist and anti-feudal forces. In this struggle, İGD strengthens its cooperation with other democratic mass organisations as an important integral part of the democratic mass movement in Turkey.

Also, the growing role and participation of the working youth in İGD (a distinguished characteristic of İGD in the youth movement in Turkey), strengthens the material basis of the alignment between the working class, working people and progressive youth movement.



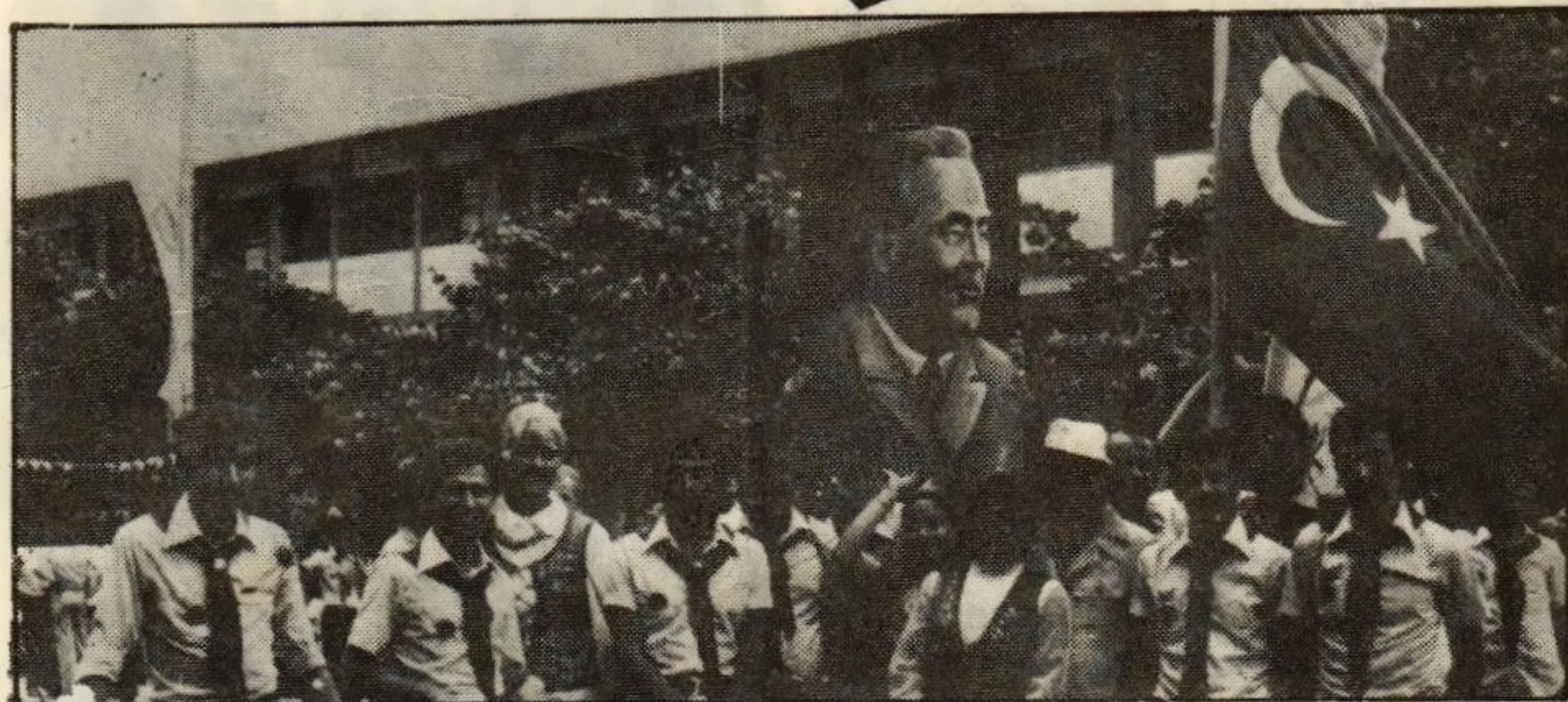


From the opening celebration of 1st Congress of İGD: LENİN-"the immortal teacher of world youth".

1st Congress of İGD^{was} held in Istanbul, between May 15th and 17th. With the participation of WFDY and its member organisations and other democratic mass organisations of Turkey, and with the discussions, resolutions, and celebration rallies, the 1st Congress of İGD turned to a forum of anti-imperialist solidarity on national and international levels.

İGD also vanguarded the foundation of the NPC for the 11th world youth festival, the first in which progressive youth of Turkey participated openly. The delegation of Turkey participated in all possible actions.

The revolutionary principles and the spirit of international solidarity grew stronger during the 11th Festival in Habana, Cuba.



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